New language textbooks

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether NCERT has decided to prepare a new languages textbooks offering not only verbal skills to students, but also draw them towards literature;

(b) whether students of classes 1, 3, 6, 9 and 11 would be taught Hindi, English, Urdu and Sanskrit;

(c) whether NCERT has set up a language department on recommendation of the National Focus Group revieweing the National Curriculum Framework;

(d) whether a committee of 19 language experts and teachers are working on the report;

(e) by when it would submit its report;

(f) whether any final decision has been taken; and

(g) if so, to what extent this would be helpful in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALIASHRF FATMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The textbooks in Hindi, English and Urdu will be available for students in classes, I, III, VI, IX and XI. The study of Sanskrit starts from class VI onwards.

(c) Yes, Sir. The recommendation was made by the Consultative Group on Review of NCERT's Organizational Structure and Placement Policy.

(d) to (g) A Focus Group consisting of 16 members on "Teaching of Indian Languages' was set up as part of the National Curriculum Framework Process. The group's report provided inputs for the National Curriculum Framework, 2005.